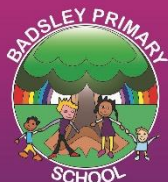


BADSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Pupil Mobile Phone/ Device Policy

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Growing Together; Aiming High

In line with the Department for Education guidance, Badsley Primary School is a mobile phone-free environment. Whilst we fully acknowledge that a parent or carer may wish to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school without adult supervision, Badsley Primary School discourages pupils from bringing mobile phones to school.

The school also discourages pupils from wearing or bringing smartwatches to school. Any smartwatch brought into school must not be cellular-enabled or capable of connecting to the internet. Smartwatches must not be used to make or receive calls, send or receive messages, access the internet, take photographs or record video during the school day.

If a child needs to bring a mobile phone into school, a permission slip (Appendix 1) must be signed by a parent or carer. Children must turn their phone off as soon as they enter the school premises, including before the start of the school day. The phone must be handed to the child's class teacher at the start of the day and will be returned at the end of the school day. Children must not turn their phone on until they have left the school premises. Mobile phones should be clearly marked with the child's name so that each pupil can easily identify their own phone.

Parents and carers are advised that Badsley Primary School accepts NO liability for the loss of or damage to mobile phones or smartwatches brought into school or onto the school premises.

Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil and returned at the end of the school day. A letter will be sent home to parents requesting that a permission slip be returned the next day. If this continues on more than three occasions, then the school will confiscate the phone until an appropriate adult collects the phone from a member of the SLT.

If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone or smartwatch of either other pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken in line with our Behaviour and Safeguarding policies.

If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the device will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by the pupil in the presence of a member of the SLT. Should a pupil be found to be using their phone or smartwatch inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be permitted to bring the device into school.

For after-school events, such as discos, pupils are discouraged from bringing mobile phones or smartwatches and, ideally, these devices should be left at home. However, where a pupil needs to bring a device to an after-school event, it will be collected by a member of staff on arrival and handed back to the pupil at the end of the event.

Should parents or carers need to contact pupils, or vice versa, during the school day, this should be done via the usual school procedure of contacting the school office by phone or email.

The policy supports the Health & Safety, Anti-Bullying, Child Protection, Safeguarding and Internet/E-Safety policies. This policy will be monitored and reviewed as required, but at least every two years.

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Mobile Phone/ Device - Pupil Policy



Mobile Phone Parental Consent Form

Dear Parent/Carer,

In accordance with our mobile phone policy, if your child is bringing in a mobile phone to school on a regular basis, please could you sign the form below to give your permission for your child to do this and remind them of our school policy.

- The phone must be switched off and put into a bag or pocket as soon as children enter school premises. It should not be turned back on until your child has left the school premises.
- Your child needs to hand their phone to the class teacher first thing in the morning.
- The school takes no responsibility for the loss or damage to a mobile phone on the school premises.
- Your child's phone should be appropriately marked so that they can recognise it.
- If images of other pupils or staff have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by the pupil in the presence of a member of the SLT.
- Should your child be found using their phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring their phone into school.
- Smartwatches must not be cellular or connected to the internet while on school premises. They must not be used to take photos or record videos.
- The policy remains in place at after school events such as discos.

Yours sincerely

Mr. M Windle
Headteacher

MOBILE PHONE PARENTAL CONSENT

I/we give permission for our child (name) _____ in Year _____
to bring their mobile phone into school.

We have read the policy and understand the content and implications.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Mobile Phones and Smartwatches – What You Need to Know

At Badsley Primary School, we want everyone to be safe, happy and focused on their learning. This means that we are a **mobile phone-free school**.

Mobile Phones

We encourage you to leave your mobile phone at home whenever possible.

However, we understand that some children who walk to and from school on their own may need a phone. If you need to bring a phone to school:

- Your parent or carer must complete a permission slip.
- Your phone must be switched off before you enter the school grounds.
- You must hand your phone to your class teacher at the start of the day.
- Your phone will be returned to you at the end of the school day.
- You must not switch your phone on until you have left the school grounds.
- Your phone should be easily identifiable.

Smartwatches

We also discourage children from bringing or wearing smartwatches in school.

If you do wear a smartwatch, it **must not**:

- Have a SIM card or be cellular-enabled.
- Connect to the internet.
- Make or receive calls.
- Send or receive messages.
- Take photographs or videos.

Important Rules

You must never use a phone or smartwatch to take photographs or videos of other children or adults in school. This is taken very seriously and could lead to consequences.

If you are found using your phone or smartwatch when you should not be, it may be taken away. If this happens repeatedly, an adult may need to collect it from school.

If you use a device inappropriately, you may no longer be allowed to bring it into school.

After-School Events

For events such as school discos, we encourage you to leave phones and smartwatches at home.

If you really need to bring one, it will be collected by a member of staff when you arrive and returned to you at the end of the event.

Remember!

If you need to contact your parent or carer during the school day, you can ask a member of staff to help. Your parents and carers can also contact the school office if they need to get in touch with you.

Our rules are there to help keep everyone safe, happy and focused on learning!